

OAK GROVE SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

August 24, 2009

Budget Hearing and Regular Board of Education Meeting

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DECISIONS

Parking Lot and Drainage Project

The Board approved a \$10,000 increase to the Greenhills Construction contract to change the picnic area surface from wood chips to concrete. This change was determined to be more cost effective over replenishing wood chips year over year, would allow for better water flow to the new drain areas, provide a cleaner surface, and would allow the area and tables to be wheelchair accessible.

2009-10 Fiscal Year Budget

The Board approved the 2010 fiscal year budget. The required Public Hearing was held in a Special meeting which preceded the Regular meeting.

Organizational Actions

- Approved Paul Starck-King as the Treasurer for the Board of Education for a salary of \$400 and as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) agent for Oak Grove District
- Approved the administrative reorganization structure

Personnel Actions

On recommendation by Janice Matthews, Superintendent, the Board approved the following personnel actions.

- Employment of 3 full-time teachers and 0.8 ESL/Special Ed teacher
- Employment of 2 long-term substitute teachers and 1 substitute teacher caller
- Accepted 1 leaves of absence
- Accepted 2 resignations

Board Meeting Records

- Approved Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of July 20, 2009
- Approved Special Meeting minutes of July 27, August 2 and August 9, 2009
- Approved Executive Session minutes from July 27, 2009
- Approved destruction of closed session recordings 18 months or older per IL state law (Feb 2007)
- Approve to keep Closed Session minutes of January 20, 2009 to June 22, 2009 closed

Other Governance Actions

- Authorized payment of August 2009 accounts payable and September 2009 payroll
- Approved the Treasurer's Report

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INFORMATION

Budget Hearing

As required by the State of Illinois, the annual budget hearing was held in a Special meeting immediately before the Regular meeting of the Board. Cheryl Roberts provided a summary of the 2009-10 budget changes from the approved July 27, 2009 draft budget. The Board approved the budget in regular session.

Administration Reorganization

In light of the economy, decreased district revenues, as well as projected declining enrollments, it was previously determined that hiring a new administrator to fill the grade 4-5 principal role would not be prudent. Janice Matthews worked with the Administrators and OGEA on alternatives to restructure the role rather than fill the position.

The recommended administration structure approved in regular session:

- K- 4 Principal /Transportation – Dave Karolewicz
- 5-8 Principal / Gifted – Mark Clement
- 5-8 Associate Principal/Special Education – Julie Waehner
- Curriculum Director/ Superintendent – Janice Matthews
- Business Manager – Paul Starck-King

School Improvement Plan 2009-10

The draft School Improvement Plan for the year was presented to the Board. The School Improvement Plan is the collective action plans put together by the Administration to move the Strategic Plan forward.

2009-2010 Enrollment

This year's enrollment is 975 down from last year's enrollment of 1040. The enrollment decline was expected based on annual enrollment projections considering birth rates, area housing market, and other economic factors. While overall enrollment is down, this year's 7th grade class size is an unexpected 143 students -- the largest in Oak Grove history. 5-8 Principal Mark Clement reported the 7th grade teachers have made necessary adjustments and he will continue to monitor the and escalate as necessary.

Overnight Trips for Junior High

Mark Clement spoke to the Board about the liability risks related to overnight field trips for the 7th and 8th grade classes. Recent local events have hit reality and Oak Grove is fortunate not to have had any serious incidents to date. Teachers and administrators recommend to move away from overnight trips and will look at an alternative means for outdoor education and social bonding for the 7th and 8th graders.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Manski
Board Secretary**